

## Weekly Briefing for RA on West Lake (for week ending April 11, 2014)

### Milestones of Progress:

- **Workplans for Isolation Barrier(IB), excavated material, Airport safety (by 4/14/14):**
  - o Workplans will be developed when the second order for the installation of the IB is finalized. It is contingent upon completion of the Phase II field work and the pre-construction activities.
- **Pre-construction of IB activities (by 4/21/14):**
  - o The order has been sent to the PRP on April 14 for signature. Once EPA has the PRP's signature, EPA will sign the order.
- **COE IAG (STL lead)(by 5/5/14):**
  - o The IAG was finalized on April 10. – COMPLETED.
- **Public announcement of air monitoring activation, pre-construction site prep, IB schedule (by 5/15/14):**
  - o The air monitoring equipment is being procured. Locations have been identified and access agreements were signed last week. We anticipate locating the air monitors in early May.
- **SSE's stability to facilitate IB construction (by 6/1/14):**
  - o MDNR reported the SSE was confined to the south quarry.

### R7 Superfund Activities:

HQ OSRTI provided some draft comments on the revised SSFS work plans; however, they are not in a format that is suitable for direct transmission to the PRPs. The program requested a call with the HQ reviewers to clarify these comments. The PRPs provided their monthly progress report that contained as attachments raw laboratory results from the first two batches of GCPT waste samples collected in January and February 2014, as well as results from re-sampling the eight new monitoring wells recently installed in the southeast portion of the site.

*Dan Gravatt, 7324*

### ORD/USGS groundwater:

The program informed John Schumacher of USGS that it wanted a draft of USGS's report on the hydrology and geochemistry at the site by the end of April. John indicated that he could have a draft report on the background groundwater flow and chemistry by then, but his evaluation of the PRPs' recent on-site groundwater results would not be fully drafted by then. *Robert Weber, 7918*

### Leachate Issues:

Bridgeton staff worked on electrical, piping and duct work inside the pretreatment plant. The facility processed 1,330,600 gallons of leachate with two of the four planned, 1-million gallon pretreatment tanks for off-site disposal. Contact: *Jodi Bruno, 7810*

### Elected Officials:

Senator Blunt requested a copy of the letter on the USGS review of the Dr. Criss report.

*LaTonya Sanders, 7555*

### Missouri Coalition for the Environment/Local Action Group(s):

Dawn Chapman called to inform that the Facebook Group will conduct off-site sampling for radiation with a GammaPAL device. *Ben Washburn, 7364*

### Media, conventional and social:

#### MEDIA INQUIRIES

**RadWaste Monitor** – Jeremy Dillon – 4/7/14: Questions about West Lake Landfill Site in Bridgeton, Mo. Contact:

Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

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**KWMU Public Radio, St. Louis** – Veronique LaCapra – 4/9/14: questions about Carter Carburetor Site in North St. Louis, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

**The Concordian, Concordia, Mo.** – Charles Dunlap – 4/10/14: Questions about West Lake Landfill Site in Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

**St. Louis Public Radio (KWMU)** - Veronique LaCapra – 4/11/14: Provided desk statement regarding news story about West Lake Landfill lawsuit. Contact: David Bryan, 7433 (closed)

**St. Louis Post-Dispatch** – Blythe Bernhard – 4/11/14: Provided desk statement regarding news story about West Lake Landfill lawsuit. Contact: David Bryan, 7433 (closed)

**KSDK Channel 5, St. Louis** – Casey Nolen – 4/11/14: Provided desk statement regarding news story about West Lake Landfill lawsuit. Contact: David Bryan, 7433 (closed)

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## NEWS CLIPS

**St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Prosecute whoever put nuclear waste in Bridgeton landfill** - 4/7/14 - I am shocked that the city leaders and the Environmental Protection Agency are not investigating who allowed the nuclear waste to be dumped at the Bridgeton landfill with the intent of prosecuting those responsible.  
[http://www.stltoday.com/news/opinion/mailbag/letters-to-the-editor/prosecute-whomever-put-nuclear-waste-in-bridgeton-landfill/article\\_7da6035d-14f1-5231-9e7e-b8218e377eba.html](http://www.stltoday.com/news/opinion/mailbag/letters-to-the-editor/prosecute-whomever-put-nuclear-waste-in-bridgeton-landfill/article_7da6035d-14f1-5231-9e7e-b8218e377eba.html)

**St. Louis Post-Dispatch - West Lake Landfill owners start group to lobby to keep nuclear waste in place** - 4/9/14 - Republic Services, the company that owns the radioactive West Lake Landfill in Bridgeton, has launched a lobbying group that is pushing to keep the waste buried instead of hauling it to a nuclear dump site in the western U.S. [http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/metro/west-lake-landfill-owners-start-group-to-lobby-to-keep/article\\_0d0da896-6292-5dc6-883b-b26a1bb45f3b.html](http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/metro/west-lake-landfill-owners-start-group-to-lobby-to-keep/article_0d0da896-6292-5dc6-883b-b26a1bb45f3b.html)

**St. Louis Post-Dispatch - McClellan: Auto repair shop next door to Hades is forced to move** - 4/9/14 - Dan's Automotive Service is at the end of Boenker Lane. It is where the world ends. Right up against Dan's place is Hades. Such is life next to the Bridgeton Landfill. [http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/columns/bill-mcclellan/mcclellan-auto-repair-shop-next-door-to-hades-is-forced/article\\_6cc2b0b1-36b8-5fc5-ac1b-db363e37ec94.html](http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/columns/bill-mcclellan/mcclellan-auto-repair-shop-next-door-to-hades-is-forced/article_6cc2b0b1-36b8-5fc5-ac1b-db363e37ec94.html)

**Boonville Daily News - Possible radioactive waste transport draws opposition** - 4/9/14 - Cooper County officials are strongly opposed to the potential transport of radioactive waste from a site in St. Louis to its final destination in Utah. <http://www.boonvilledailynews.com/article/20140409/NEWS/140408526/>

**St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Why are Lafayette County Republicans interested in West Lake Landfill?** - 4/10/14 - Why do Republican leaders in a rural county outside Kansas City care so much about a radioactive landfill in Bridgeton? They are concerned about the possibility of nuclear waste being hauled through their area. They also have connections to the landfill's owner, Republic Services. [http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/political-fix/why-are-lafayette-county-republicans-interested-in-west-lake-landfill/article\\_3dfb2019-](http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/political-fix/why-are-lafayette-county-republicans-interested-in-west-lake-landfill/article_3dfb2019-)

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**St. Louis Post-Dispatch – Lawsuit alleges West Lake Landfill radioactivity has spread off-site – 4/11/14** - A lawyer for a man who has lived near the West Lake Landfill in Bridgeton for more than 30 years, and the lawsuit he filed Friday, say radiation has spread to nearby properties, potentially affecting the health of area residents and employees. [http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/lawsuit-alleges-west-lake-landfill-radioactivity-has-spread-off-site/article\\_31dcba55-a853-5e8d-b32f-2847624d3fc8.html](http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/lawsuit-alleges-west-lake-landfill-radioactivity-has-spread-off-site/article_31dcba55-a853-5e8d-b32f-2847624d3fc8.html)

**KSDK Channel 5, St. Louis – Lawsuit alleges landfill radiation has spread – 4/11/14** - There are new allegations in a federal lawsuit that radioactivity has spread beyond the confines of the West Lake Landfill and into surrounding neighborhoods. <http://www.ksdk.com/story/news/local/2014/04/11/west-lake-landfill-radioactivity-lawsuit/7626791/>

**KWMU Public Radio, St. Louis – Lawsuit Alleges West Lake Landfill Radiation Has Spread Off Site – 4/11/14** - A lawsuit filed on Friday alleges that radiation from the West Lake Landfill has spread into surrounding neighborhoods, contaminating properties there. <http://news.stlpublicradio.org/post/lawsuit-alleges-west-lake-landfill-radiation-has-spread-site>

**KMOX Radio, St. Louis – Class Action Lawsuit Filed Against Bridgeton Landfill – 4/11/14** – A class action lawsuit filed Friday alleges radioactive materials have migrated offsite from the West Lake Landfill in Bridgeton and onto private property. <http://stlouis.cbslocal.com/2014/04/11/class-action-lawsuit-filed-against-bridgeton-landfill/>

#### **FUSRAP/COE/DOE :**

COE has submitted the draft ROD for the Inaccessible Soil Operable Unit Associated with Group 1 Properties at the St. Louis Downtown Site to EPA for review. *David Hoefer, 7503*

#### **Legal Issues:**

Negotiations completed on the Administrative Settlement Agreement for Preconstruction Work and the Order was transmitted to the PRP's for execution on 4/14/14. *David Hoefer, 7503*

#### **Upcoming Events/Activities:**

**April 15, 2014:** Meeting with ORD, MDNR and PRPs on-site to determine the tentative barrier alignment.

**April 17, 2014:** "Facebook Group" community meeting in Bridgeton.

**April 21, 2014:** CAG meeting in Bridgeton.

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